

What is claimed is:

1. A method for diagnosing the presence of breast cancer in a patient comprising:

5 (a) measuring levels of BSG in cells, tissues or bodily fluids in said patient; and

(b) comparing measured levels of BSG with levels of BSG in cells, tissues or bodily fluids from a normal human control, wherein a change in measured levels of BSG in the patient versus normal human control is associated with the 10 presence of breast cancer.

2. A method of diagnosing metastatic breast cancer in a patient having breast cancer comprising:

(a) identifying a patient having breast cancer that is not known to have metastasized;

15 (b) measuring levels of BSG in a sample of cells, tissues, or bodily fluid from said patient; and

(c) comparing the measured BSG levels with levels of BSG in cells, tissue, or bodily fluid type of a normal human control, wherein a change in measured BSG levels in the 20 patient versus the normal human control is associated with a cancer which has metastasized.

3. A method of staging breast cancer in a patient comprising:

(a) identifying a patient having breast cancer;

25 (b) measuring levels of BSG in a sample of cells, tissues, or bodily fluid from said patient for BSG; and

(c) comparing measured BSG levels with levels of BSG in cells, tissues, or bodily fluid type of a normal human control sample, wherein a change in measured BSG levels in said 30 patient versus the normal human control is associated with a cancer which is progressing or regressing or in remission.

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4. A method of monitoring breast cancer in a patient having breast cancer for the onset of metastasis comprising:

(a) identifying a patient having breast cancer that is not known to have metastasized;

5 (b) periodically measuring BSG levels in a sample of cells, tissues, or bodily fluid from said patient; and

(c) comparing the measured BSG levels with levels of BSG in cells, tissues, or bodily fluid type of a normal human control, wherein a change in BSG levels in the patient versus 10 the normal human control is associated with a cancer which has metastasized.

5. A method of monitoring the change in stage of breast cancer in a patient having breast cancer comprising:

(a) identifying a patient having breast cancer;

15 (b) periodically measuring BSG levels in a sample of cells, tissues, or bodily fluid from said patient; and

(c) comparing the measured BSG levels with levels of BSG in cells, tissues, or bodily fluid type of a normal human control, wherein a change in measured BSG levels in the 20 patient versus the normal human control is associated with a cancer which is progressing in stage, which is regressing in stage, or in remission.

6. The method of claim 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 wherein the change associated with the presence, metastasis or progression 25 of breast cancer in said patient is an increase in measured BSG levels in the patient and the BSG comprises Mam001 (SEQ ID NO:2), Mam004 (SEQ ID NO:4) or Mam005 (SEQ ID NO:3).

7. The method of claim 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 wherein the change associated with the presence, metastasis or progression 30 of breast cancer in said patient is a decrease in measured BSG levels in the patient and the BSG comprises Mam002 (SEQ ID NO:1).

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8. The method of claim 3 or 5 wherein the change associated with the regression or remission of breast cancer in said patient is a decrease in measured BSG levels in the patient and the BSG comprises Mam001 (SEQ ID NO:2), Mam004 5 (SEQ ID NO:4) or Mam005 (SEQ ID NO:3).

9. The method of claim 3 or 5 wherein the change associated with the regression or remission of breast cancer in said patient is an increase in measured BSG levels in the patient and the BSG comprises Mam002 (SEQ ID NO:1).

10 10. An antibody against a BSG wherein said BSG comprises Mam001 (SEQ ID NO:2), Mam004 (SEQ ID NO:4) or Mam005 (SEQ ID NO:3).

11. A method of imaging breast cancer in a patient comprising administering to the patient an antibody of claim 15 10.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein said antibody is labeled with paramagnetic ions or a radioisotope.

13. A method of treating breast cancer in a patient comprising administering to the patient an antibody of claim 20 10.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the antibody is conjugated to a cytotoxic agent.